

under Income Tax Act, a deduction of 100% of profit for five years and 25% of profits for the next five years in case of new agro processing industries set up to process, preserve and package fruits and vegetables. Excise duty of 16% on dairy machinery has been fully waived for promotion of dairy processing industries. Excise duty on meat, poultry and fish products has been reduced from 16% to 8%. Excise duty on food grade hexane used in edible oil industry has been reduced from 32% to 16%. In the Budget of 2005-06 excise duty of Rs. 1.00 per kg on refined edible oil and Rs. 1.25 per kg on Vanaspati were abolished. Customs duty on refrigerated vans was reduced from 20% to 10%. In the budget 2006-07 the govt. has waived excise duty on condensed milk, ice cream, preparations of meat, fish and poultry, pectins, pasta and yeast. Excise duty on ready to eat packaged foods and instant food mixes, like dosa and idli mixes have been reduced from 16% to 8%. Excise duty on aerated drinks has been reduced from 24% to 16%. NABARD has created a refinancing window with a corpus of Rupees one thousand crore for agro processing infrastructure and market development.

Universities in the country

2732. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of universities in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the procedure to appoint Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor in various universities; and
- (c) the details of universities in Gujarat alongwith the names and procedure adopted for appointments of V.C. in each university in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, there are 365 universities recognized under section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 as on 4.12.2006. State-wise list of these universities is at Statement-I (see below)

(b) The appointment of Vice Chancellors/Pro Vice Chancellors are made in accordance with the provisions contained in the Act/Statutes/Bye-laws of the respective Universities.

(c) There are 17 universities in the State of Gujarat, a list of which is

given at Statement-II. (see below). The Vice Chancellors in these Universities are appointed as per provisions in the Act and Statutes of the respective University.

Statement-I

State-wise list of Universities/Deemed to be universities including Institutes of National Importance and Institutions established under State Legislature Act Recognized under Section 2(f) of the UGC, Act 1956.

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Universities
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2
3.	Assam	7
4.	Bihar	15
5.	Chhattisgarh	8
6.	Goa	1
7.	Gujarat	17
8.	Haryana	8
9.	Himachal Pradesh	5
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	8
11.	Jharkhand	7
12.	Karnataka	24
13.	Kerala	10
14.	Madhya Pradesh	17
15.	Maharashtra	42
16.	Manipur	2
17.	Meghalaya	1
18.	Mizoram	1
19.	Nagaland	1
20.	Orissa	11
21.	Punjab	10
22.	Rajasthan	20

1	2	3
23.	Sikkim	1
24.	Tamil Nadu	36
25.	Tripura	2
26.	Uttar Pradesh	34
27.	Uttaranchal	10
28.	West Bengal	20
29.	NCT of Delhi	18
30.	NCT of Chandigarh	3
31.	Puducherry	1
TOTAL:		365

Statement-II

List of Universities in the State of Gujarat

1. Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar—364 002.
2. Gujarat Agricultural University, Sardar Kurshinagar, Banaskantha—385 506.
3. Gujarat Ayurveda University, Jamnagar—361 008.
4. Gujarat University, Ahmedabad—380009.
5. Hemchandra Acharya North Gujarat University, P.B. No. 21, University Road, Patan—384265.
6. Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara—390002.
7. Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar—388120.
8. Saurashtra University, Rajkot—360005.
9. South Gujarat University, Surat—395 007.
10. Dharmsinh Desai University, College Road, Nadiad—387001 (converted from Deemed University to State University).
11. Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar, Post Box No. 4, Gandhinagar—382007 (Private University)

12. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad—380003.
13. Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad—380009 (Deemed University)
14. Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University, CS-60, Jubilee Ground, Bhuj-Kuchchh-370001.
15. Nirma University of Science & Technology, Sarkhej, Gandhinagar Highway, Village Chharodi, Ahmedabad, Gujarat (Private University).
16. Sardar Vallabhabhai National Institute of Technology, (REC), Surat-395007 (Deemed University)
17. Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, Ta: Veraval, District Junagarh—362268 (Gujarat).

Vedanta university in Orissa

2733. SHRI B. J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a world class, multi-disciplinary vedanta university in Orissa.

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether this institute of excellence would be entirely in the private sector; and

(d) the steps taken to encourage such investments in higher education sector in this backward State to bridge the regional disparity in education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) (a) The Central Government has no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The State Legislatures are competent under the Constitution to incorporate universities. Such universities may either be aided or unaided.